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In re application of:

Mark J. Kilgard et al.

Application No.: 10/006,477

Filed: November 30, 2001

FLOATING POINT BUFFER SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USE DURING

PROGRAMMABLE FRAGMENT PROCESSING IN A GRAPHICS PIPELINE

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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner, mailed November 25, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1, 4-8, and 11-26.

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